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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND
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On October 14, 2008, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the report, "Quality Education Services: A Vital Means of Empowering Youth and Emerging Adults to Rebuild their Lives," submitted by the Comprehensive Educational Reform Committee. The report outlines 35 recommendations to improve education, training and other school services for youth in our County's juvenile halls and camps. To implement these recommendations, the Probation Department requested a total of \$2.755 million, of which \$621,000 has already been provided.

Recently, on March 25, 2009, the Probation Department conducted a further assessment of their needs and submitted a request for \$1.595 million in one-time funds and \$505,000 in ongoing needs, for a total of \$2.1 million. The Proposed Budget being presented today includes \$2.1 million in new ongoing County General Funds in the Probation Department's budget.

This Board strongly supports reforming educational approaches for the thousands of children incarcerated in our camps and halls. While we have received cursory information regarding the Probation Department's spending plan, the Board

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should receive more details regarding implementation of this new program and how funds will be invested to bring about the fundamental reforms so badly needed and long overdue.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the \$2.1 million for Education Reform included in the Proposed Budget for the Probation Department be transferred to the Provisional Financing Unit until the implementation plan for education reform is finalized and all stakeholders and Board offices are briefed. The implementation plan should include all the information requested in the October 14, 2008 motion by Supervisor Knabe (such as the findings from the Auditor-Controller's report on the proposed residential service delivery funding model), as well as the use of the proposed \$2.1 million and the development of measurable outcomes and goals to be achieved with the total \$2.755 million allocated toward this important effort.

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